

# OMPS Additional Trace Gases: NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> Products

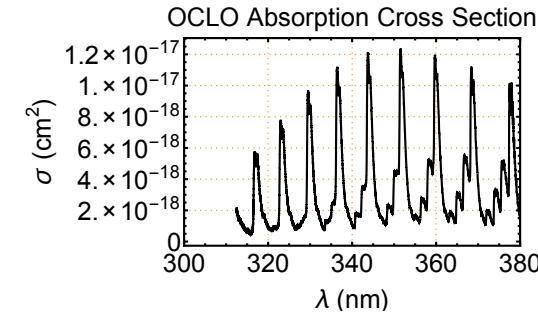
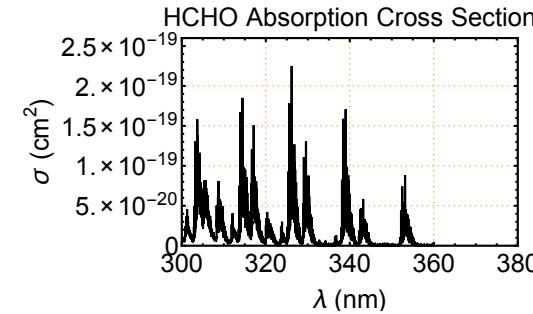
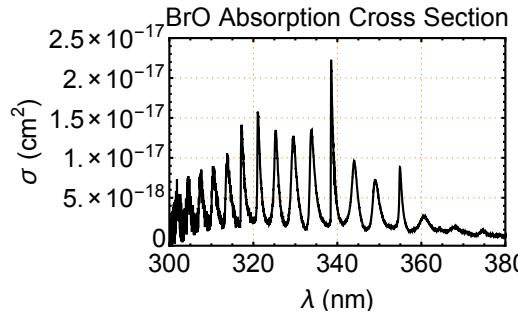
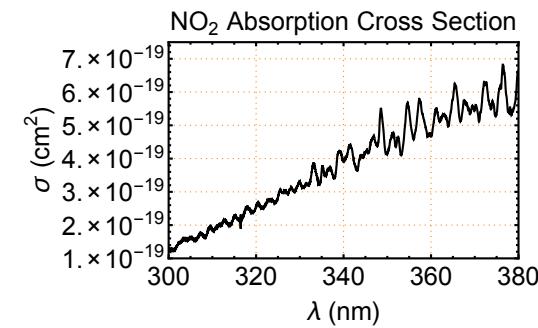
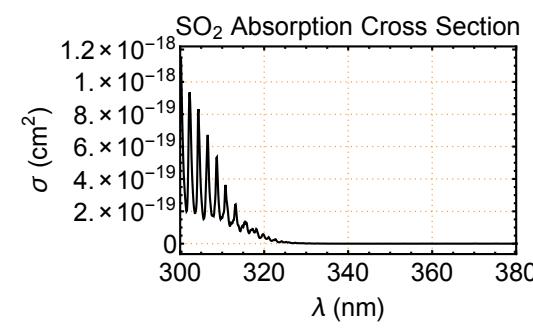
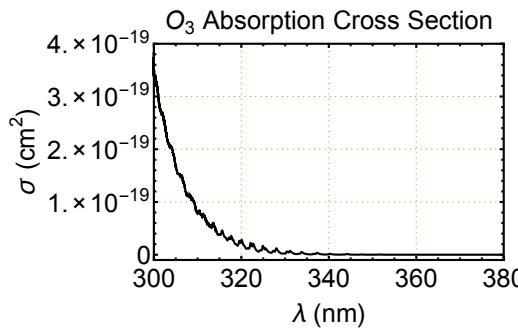
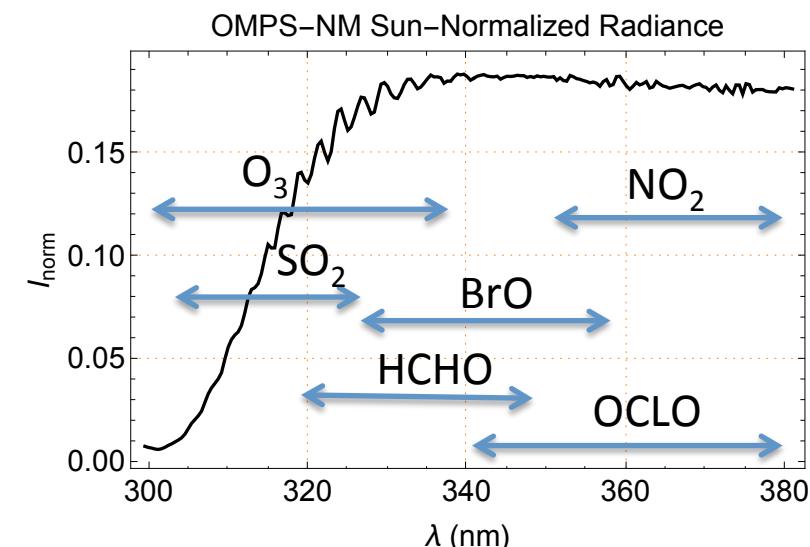
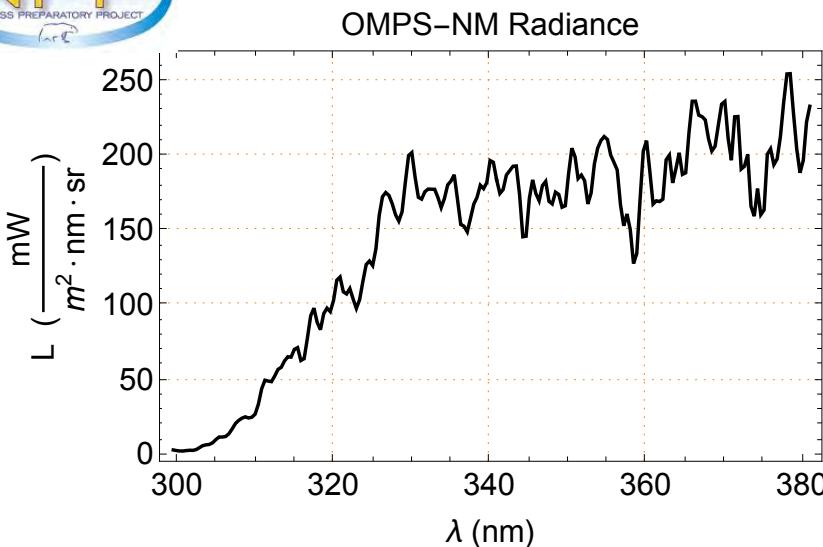
Kai Yang  
University of Maryland College Park



JPSS Annual Science Team Meeting, August 26, 2015



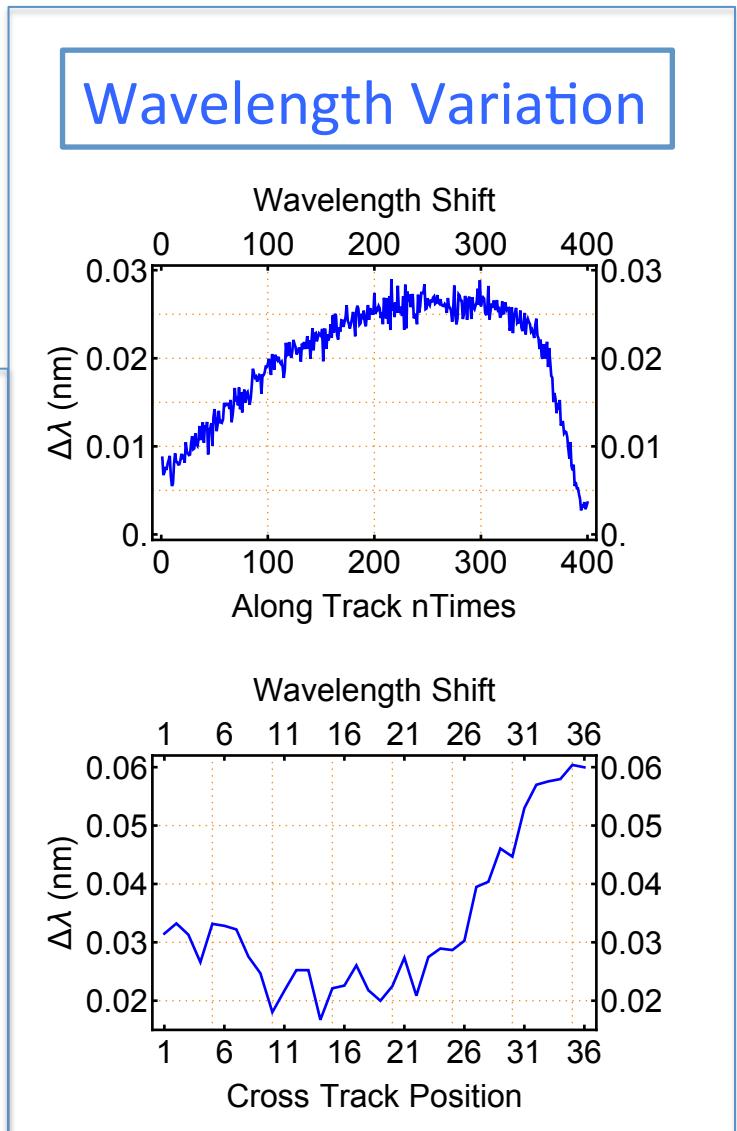
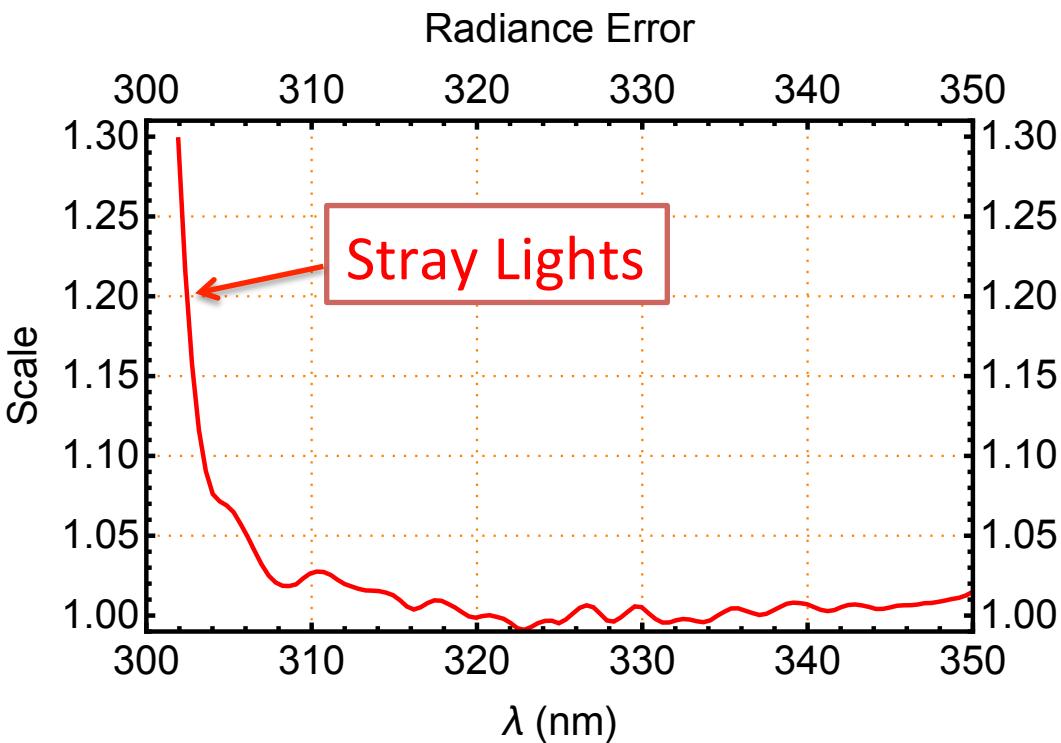
# Suomi NPP/OMPS-NM





# Suomi NPP/OMPS-NM

- Stable performance
- high signal-to-noise ratio
- But significant stray lights, and other instrumental artifacts





# Objectives

Retrieve  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  from SNPP/OMPS with sufficient quality to extend Aura/OMI record.

- Standard Products
  - $\text{SO}_2$  Vertical Columns
    - Volcanic  $\text{SO}_2$  at various altitudes
    - Boundary Layer  $\text{SO}_2$
  - $\text{NO}_2$  Vertical Columns
    - Tropospheric, Stratospheric, and Total  $\text{NO}_2$
- Near-Real-Time (NRT) Products
  - $\text{SO}_2$  Vertical Columns



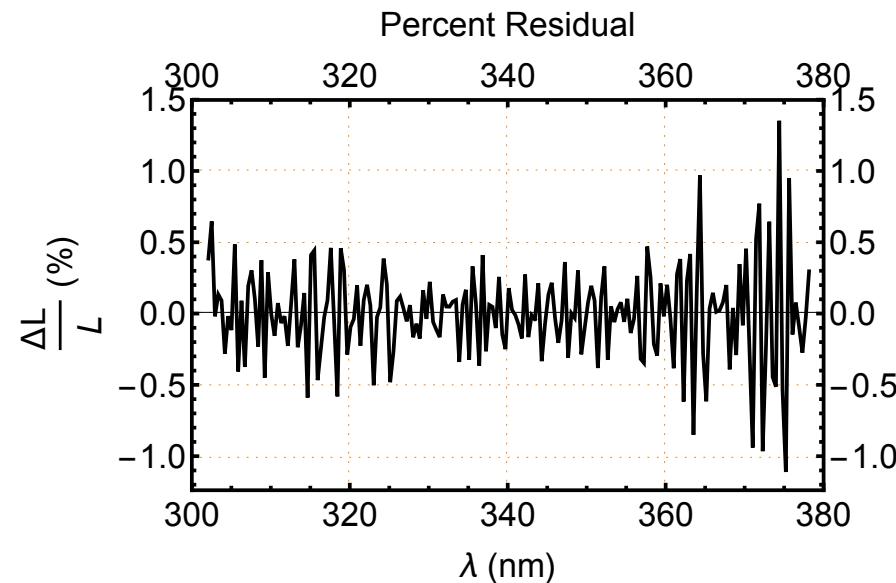
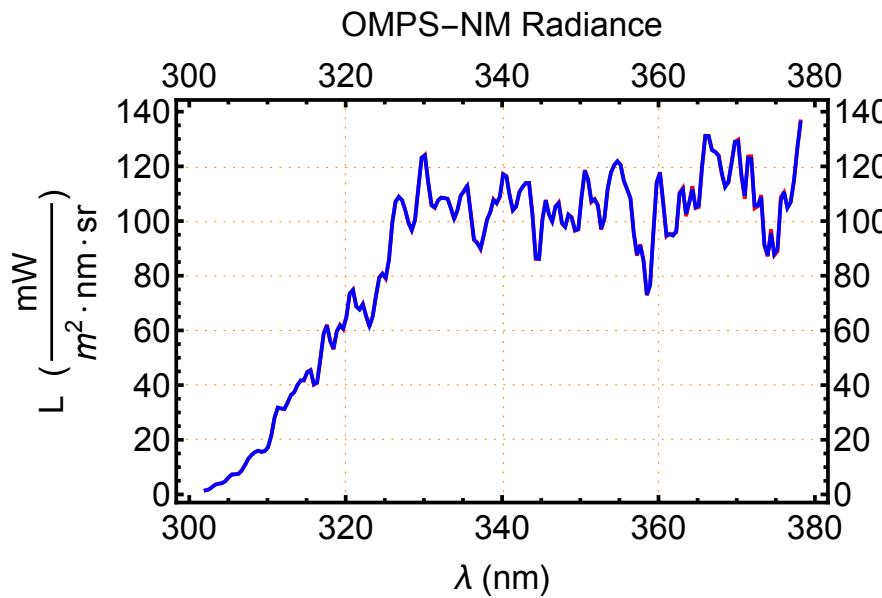
# Retrieval Algorithm

To achieve high product quality, Direct Vertical Column Fitting (DVCF) Algorithm:

- State-of-the art algorithm physics: accurate of radiative transfer including RRS scattering (Ring effect)
- Effective schemes to account for varying instrumental effects: wavelength registration, spectral response, under sampling, and spectral interferences



# Direct Radiance Fitting



Radiance:  
Model (Blue) vs. Measurement (Red)

Residual Standard  
Deviation: 0.3%



# Spectral Ranges

## Direct Vertical Column Fitting (DVCF)

### 1. O<sub>3</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>: 308 – 360 nm

- SO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>3</sub> : 308 – 333 nm
- Reflectivity/cloud fraction, aerosol index : 333 – 360 nm

### 2. NO<sub>2</sub>: 345 – 378 nm

- Full range: NO<sub>2</sub>: 345 – 378 nm
- reflectivity/cloud fraction, pressures, aerosol index: 350 – 378 nm

**By-Products:** O<sub>3</sub> profile and column, and surface parameters: reflectivity/cloud fraction, aerosol index, and pressure



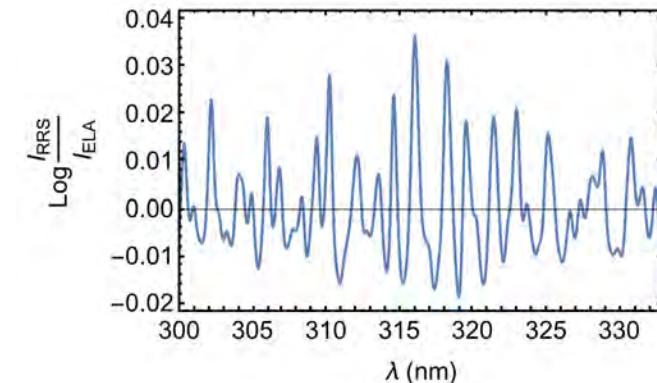
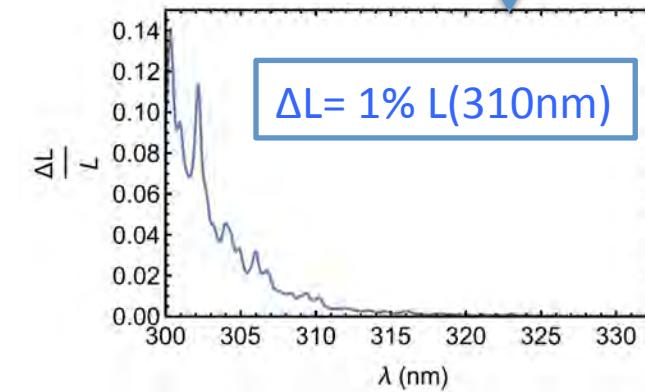
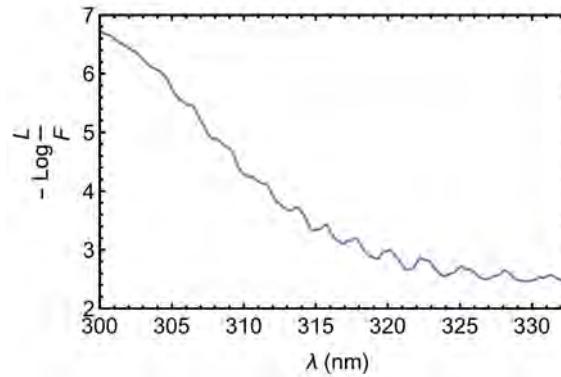
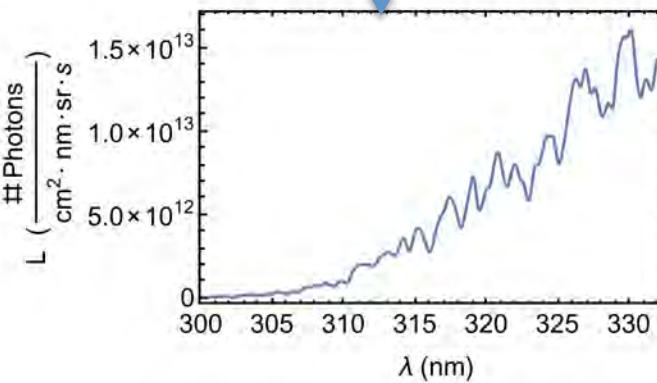
# Spectral interference

- Due to measurement imperfection and instrumental artifacts, such as stray lights, ghosting, etc.
- Spectral interference is the main factor limiting the sensitivity and accuracy of the retrieved trace gas columns.



# Spectral interference: Signal Dependence

$$\log \left[ \frac{L + \Delta L}{F} \right] = \log \left[ \frac{L}{F} \right] + \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$



Ring  
Spectrum



# Characterizing Spectral interference

## Error Covariance Matrix:

$$\text{Cov}[i,j] = \langle \varepsilon(\lambda_i) \cdot \varepsilon(\lambda_j) \rangle$$

where  $\varepsilon(\lambda_i)$  is the residual:

$$\varepsilon(\lambda_i) = \text{Log}[\mathbf{I}_{\text{measured}}(\lambda_i)/\mathbf{I}_{\text{modeled}}(\lambda_i)]$$

$\mathbf{I}_{\text{measured}}$ : Sun-normalized radiance measurements

$\mathbf{I}_{\text{modeled}}$  : Radiance from accurate RT modeling

**Covariance Matrices** : constructed for various conditions, such as solar and viewing angles, and scene reflectivity



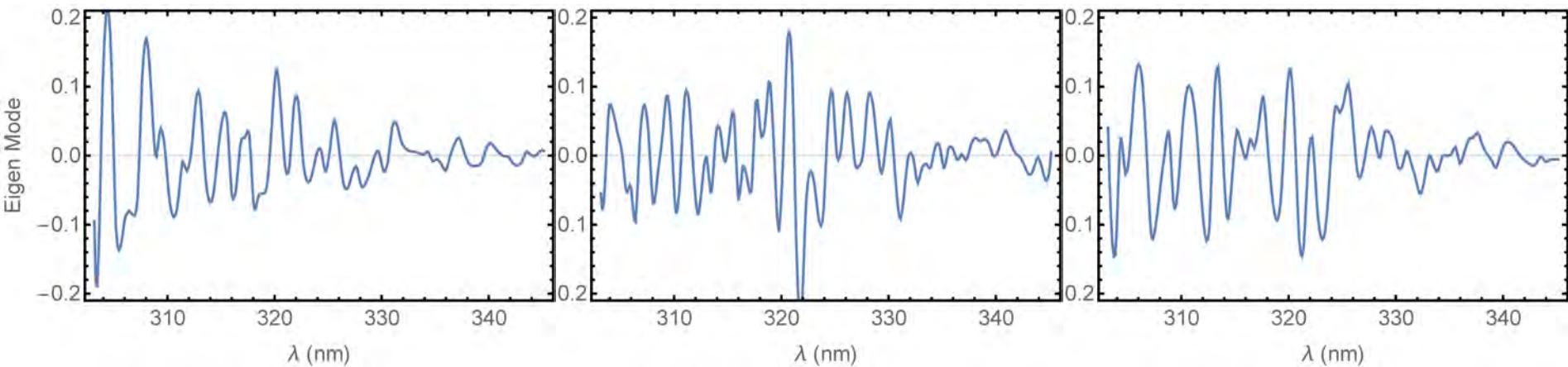
# Mitigating Spectral Interference

## Eigen functions of the Covariance Matrix

1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

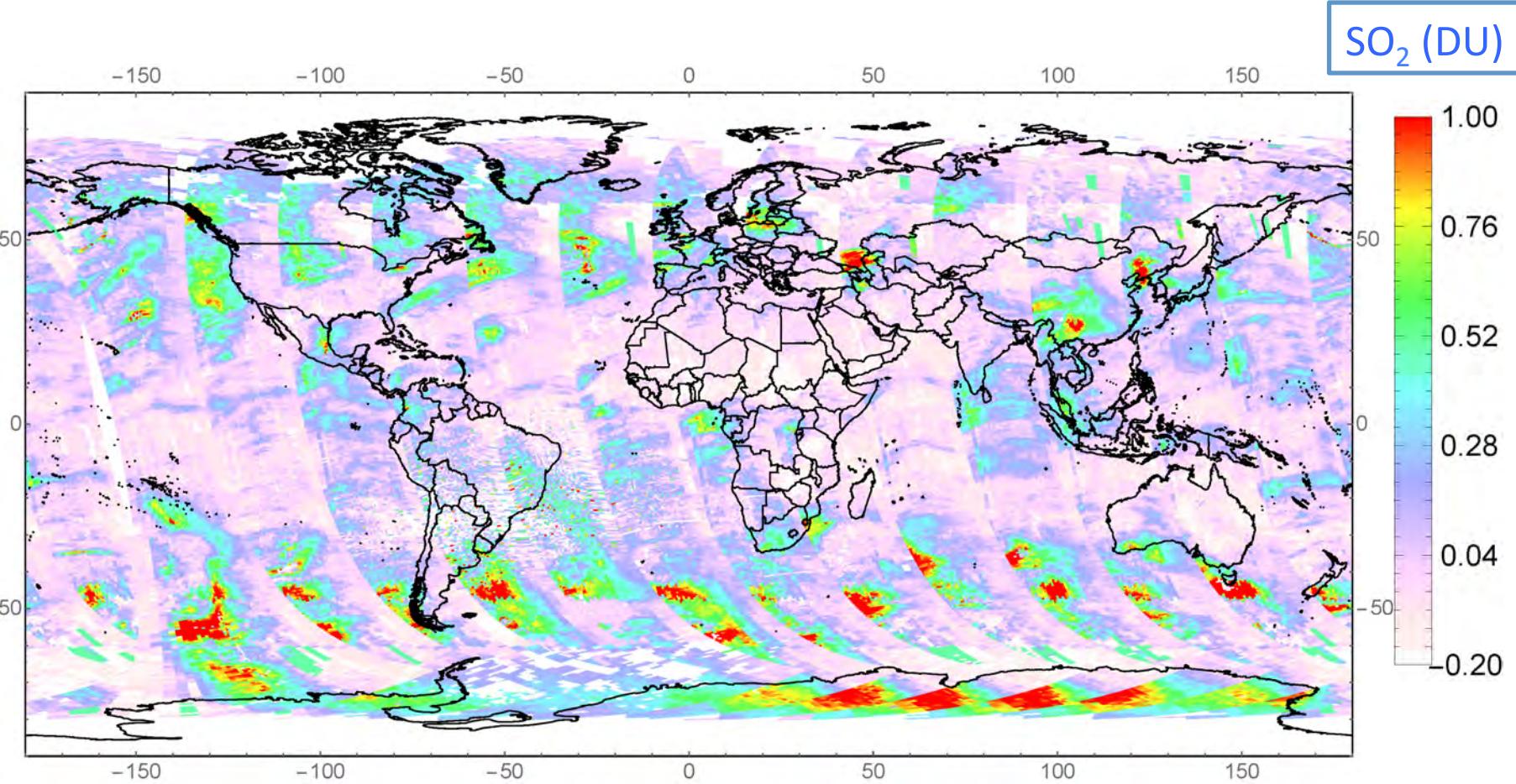
3<sup>rd</sup>



- Fitting of the first few Eigen functions would **significantly** reduce the impacts of spectral interference

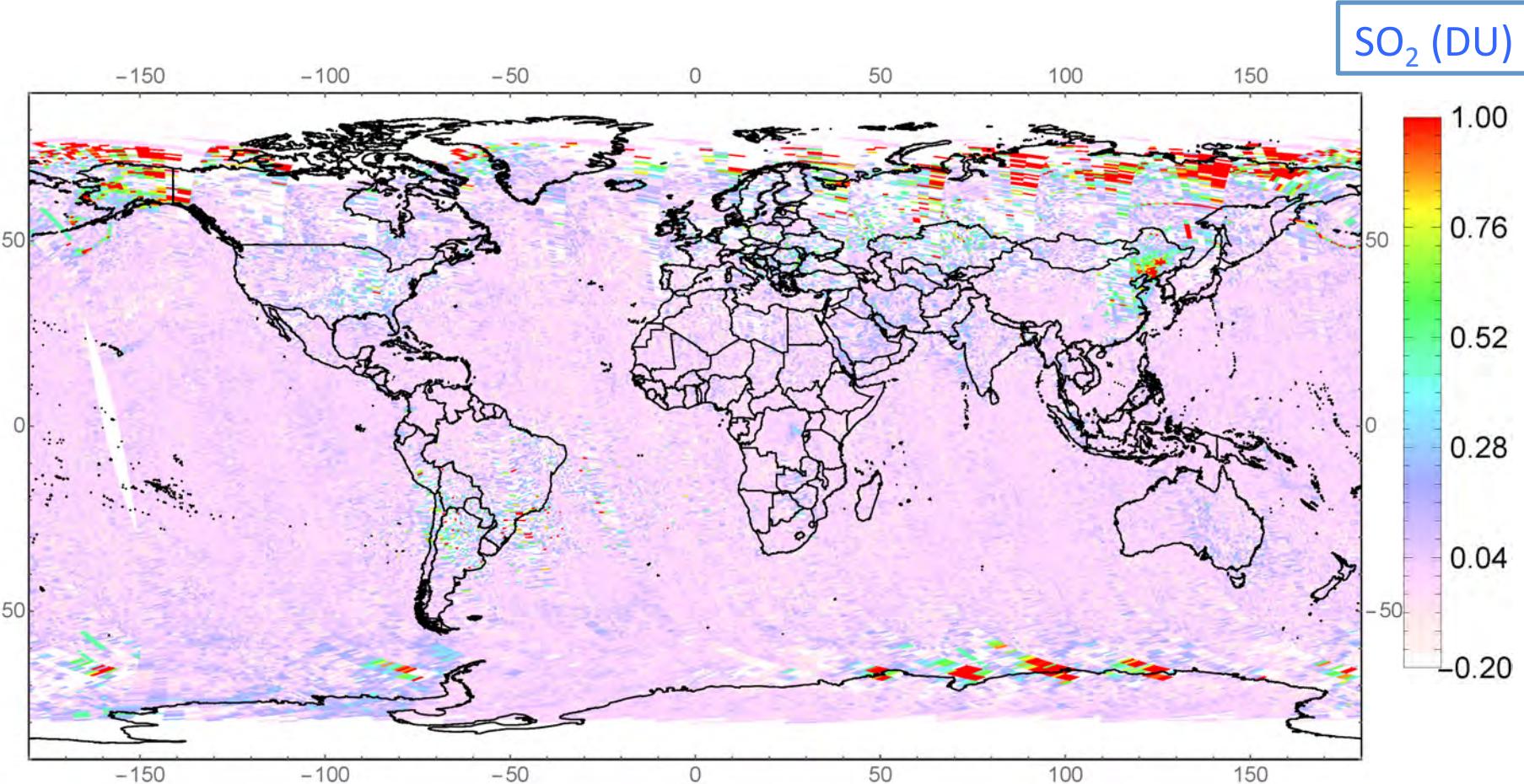


# OMPS Boundary Layer SO<sub>2</sub>: Without Correction





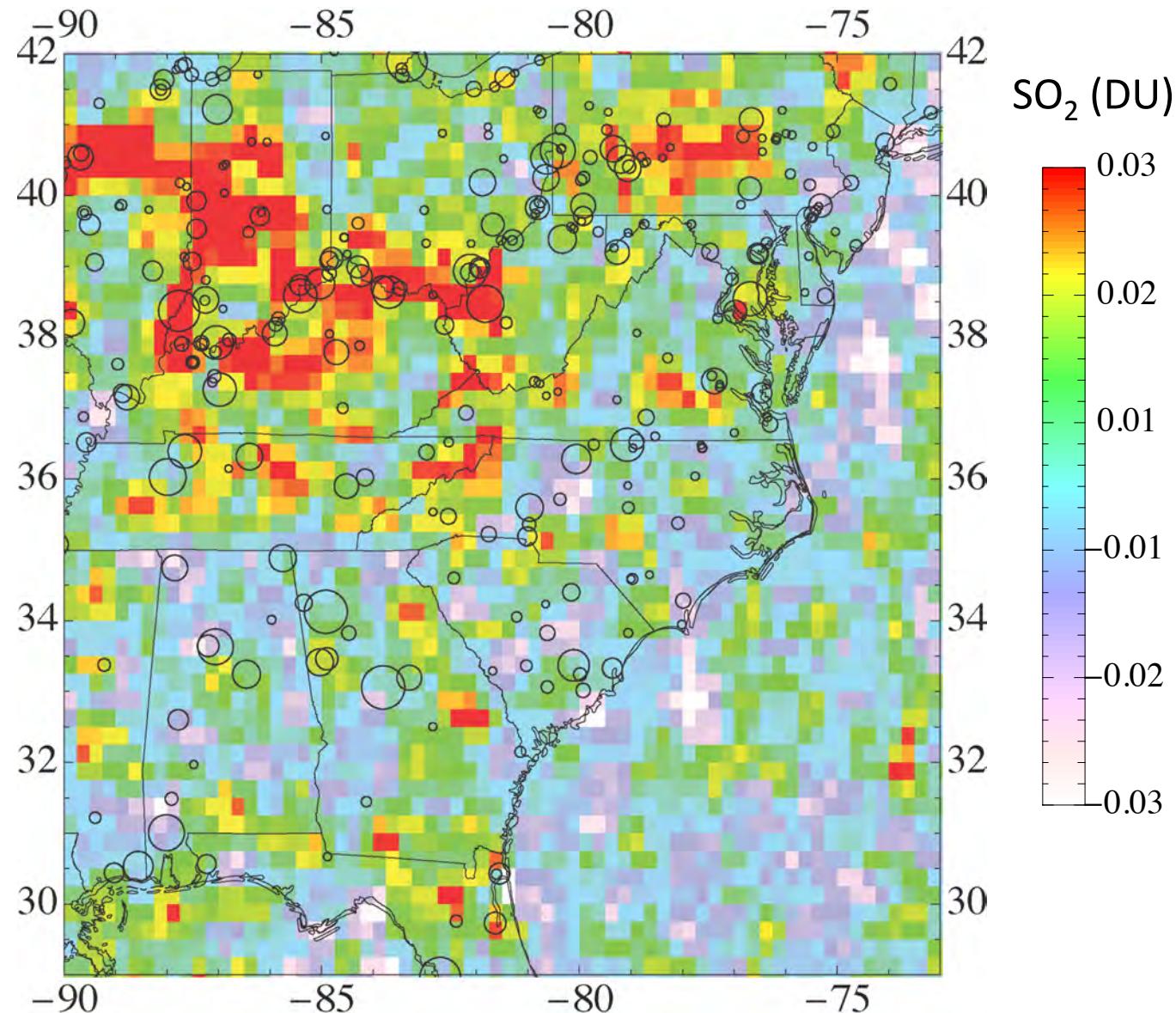
# OMPS Boundary Layer SO<sub>2</sub>: With Correction





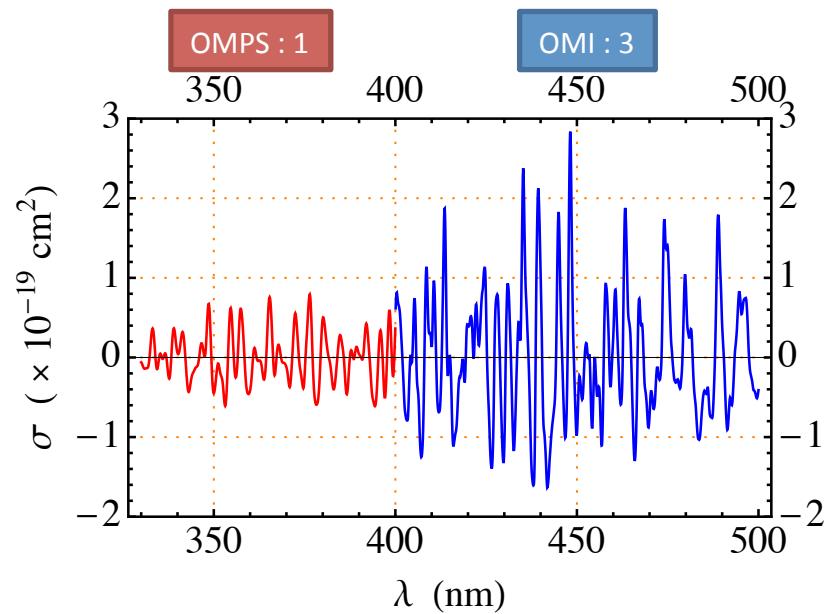
# Unprecedented $\text{SO}_2$ Sensitivity: Pollution over US

**SNPP/OMPS**  
October 2013  
Monthly Mean  
DVCF Algorithm

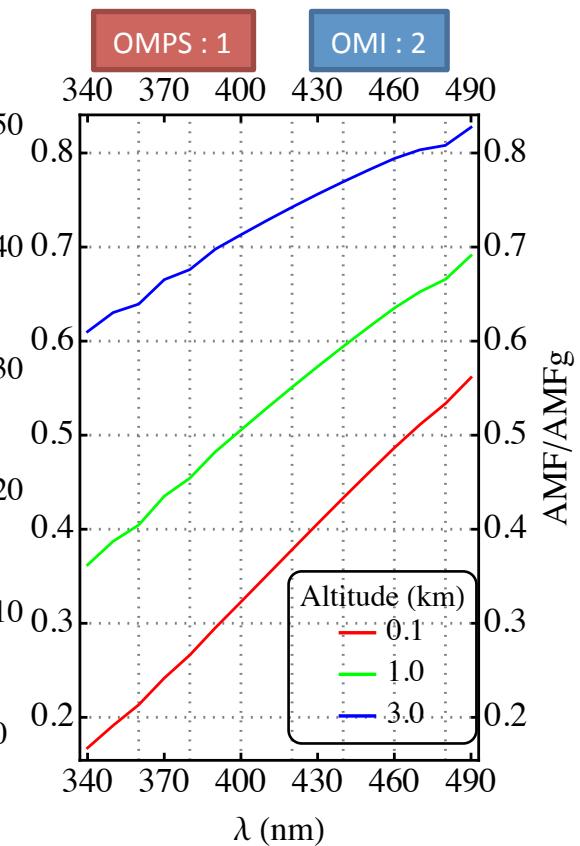
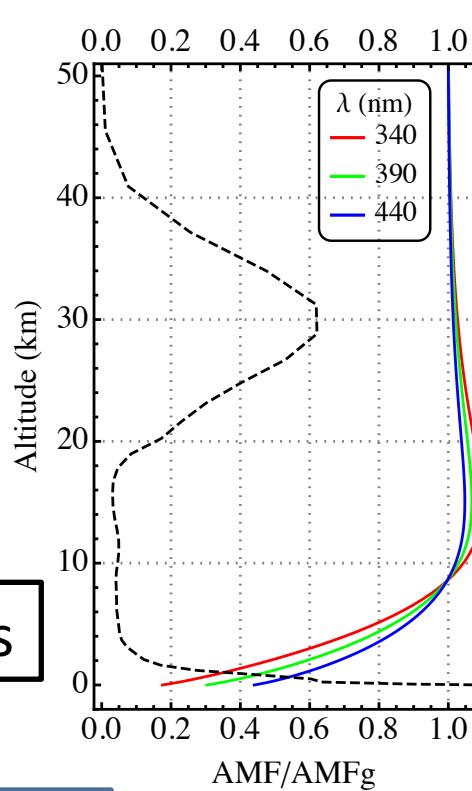




# NO<sub>2</sub> Measurement Sensitivity : Cross Section × Air Mass Factor



NO<sub>2</sub> Differential Cross Sections

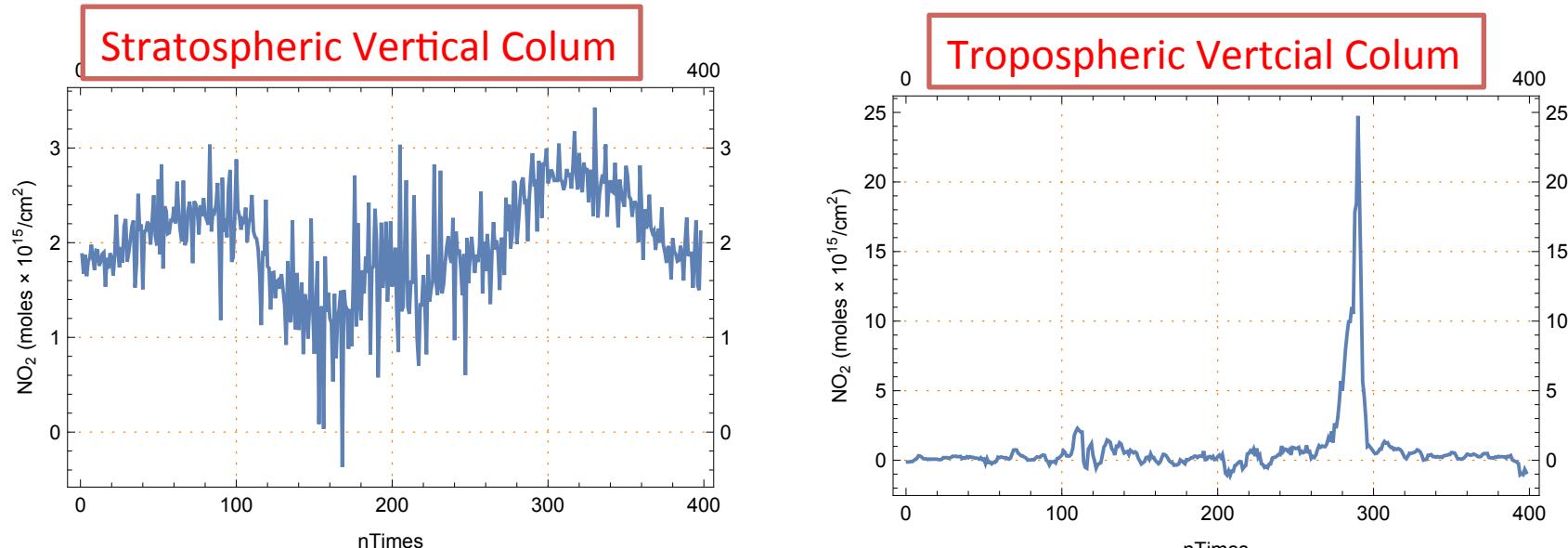
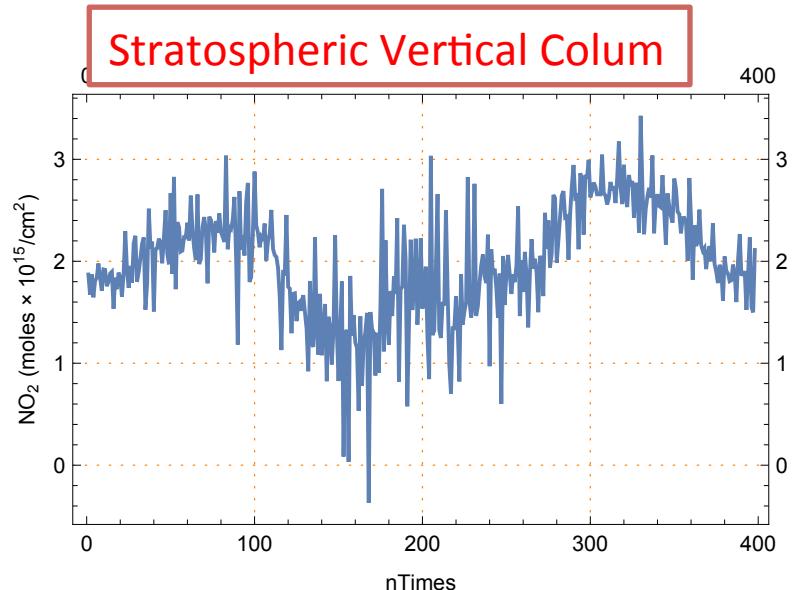
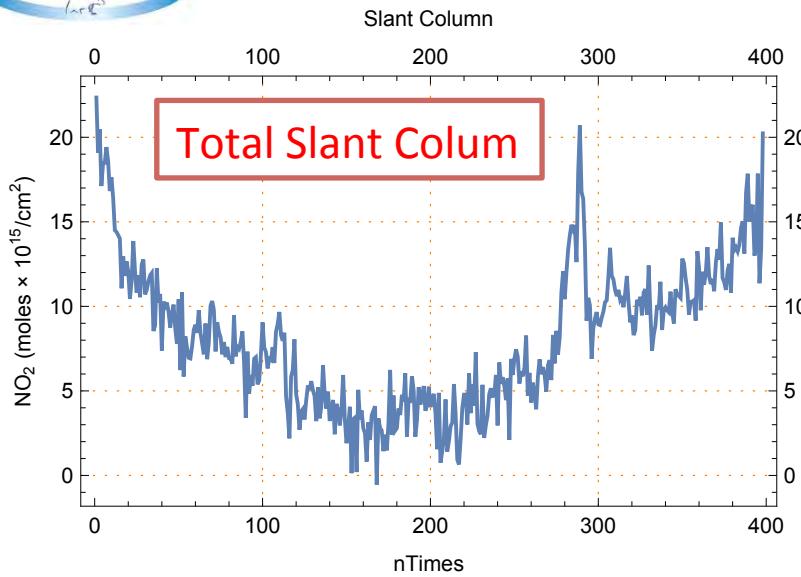


Sensitivity to tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> :  
OMI 4 to 10 times > OMPS

Altitude-Resolved AMFs



# OMPS NO<sub>2</sub> Measurement Sensitivity



Precision of slant column:

OMPS ~ 1x10<sup>15</sup> molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>

OMI ~ 1x10<sup>15</sup> molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>

Precision of vertical tropospheric column:

OMPS ~ 0.5x10<sup>15</sup> molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>

OMI ~ 1.0 x10<sup>15</sup> molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>



# $\text{NO}_2$ Strat-Trop Separation (STS): Orbit-Based Technique

## Basic idea

- Localized (small scale) features in the strat fields are attributed to tropospheric signals due to shape factor prescription mismatch.
- Smoothing out these localized features improve both strat and trop  $\text{NO}_2$  fields.

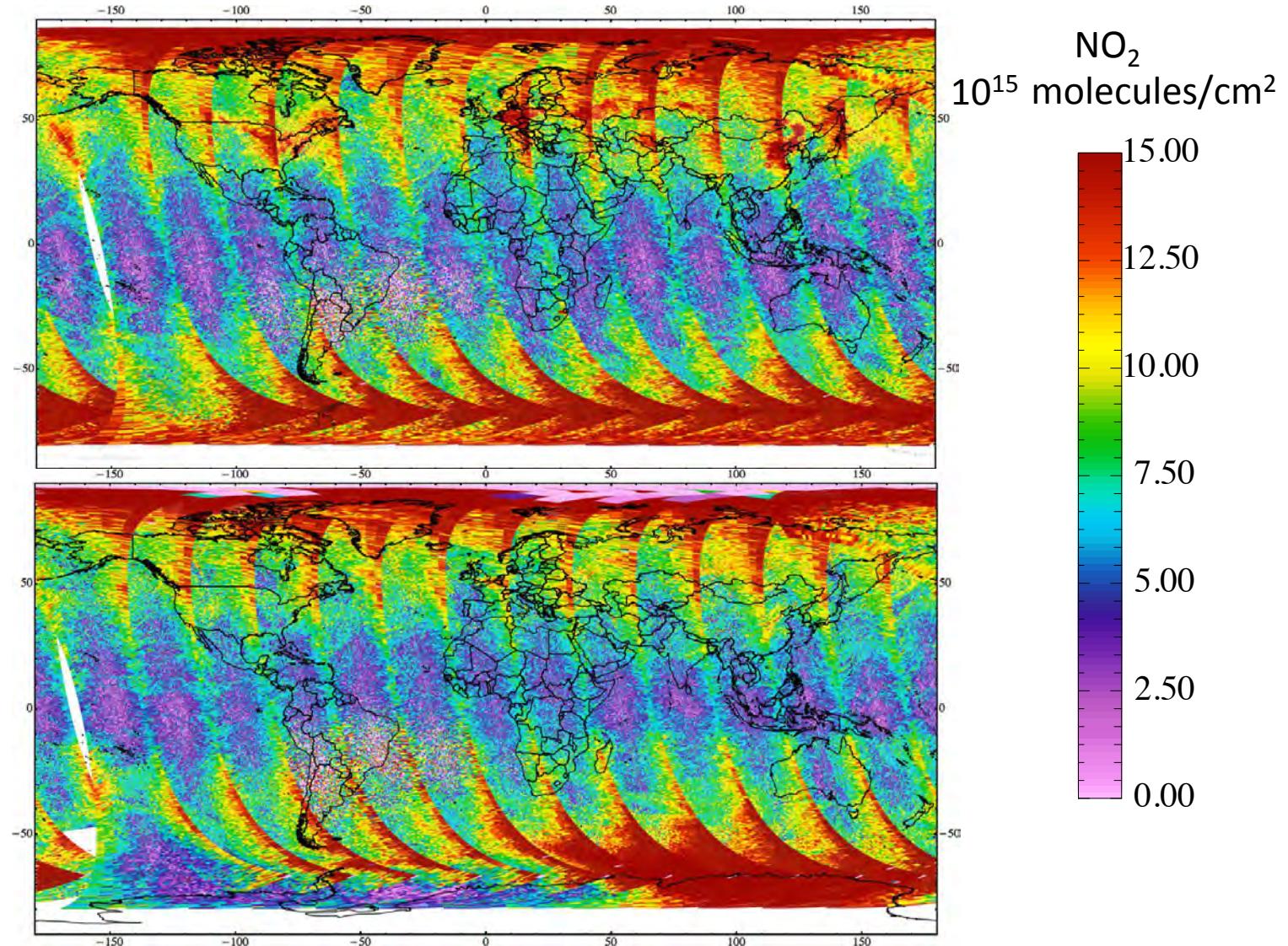
## Procedure

- Initial STS done using tropopause and shape factor
- Two smoothed strat fields from sliding median of each cross-track position of an orbit:  $\sim 2^\circ$  and  $\sim 20^\circ$  latitude bands
- The excesses (+) and deficits (-) of strat  $\text{NO}_2$  are the difference between the two smoothed fields.
- Trop columns adjustment: strat excesses are added to and deficits are subtracted from the trop fields, whilst accounting for their different measurement sensitivities.



# OMPS: NO<sub>2</sub> Total Slant Columns

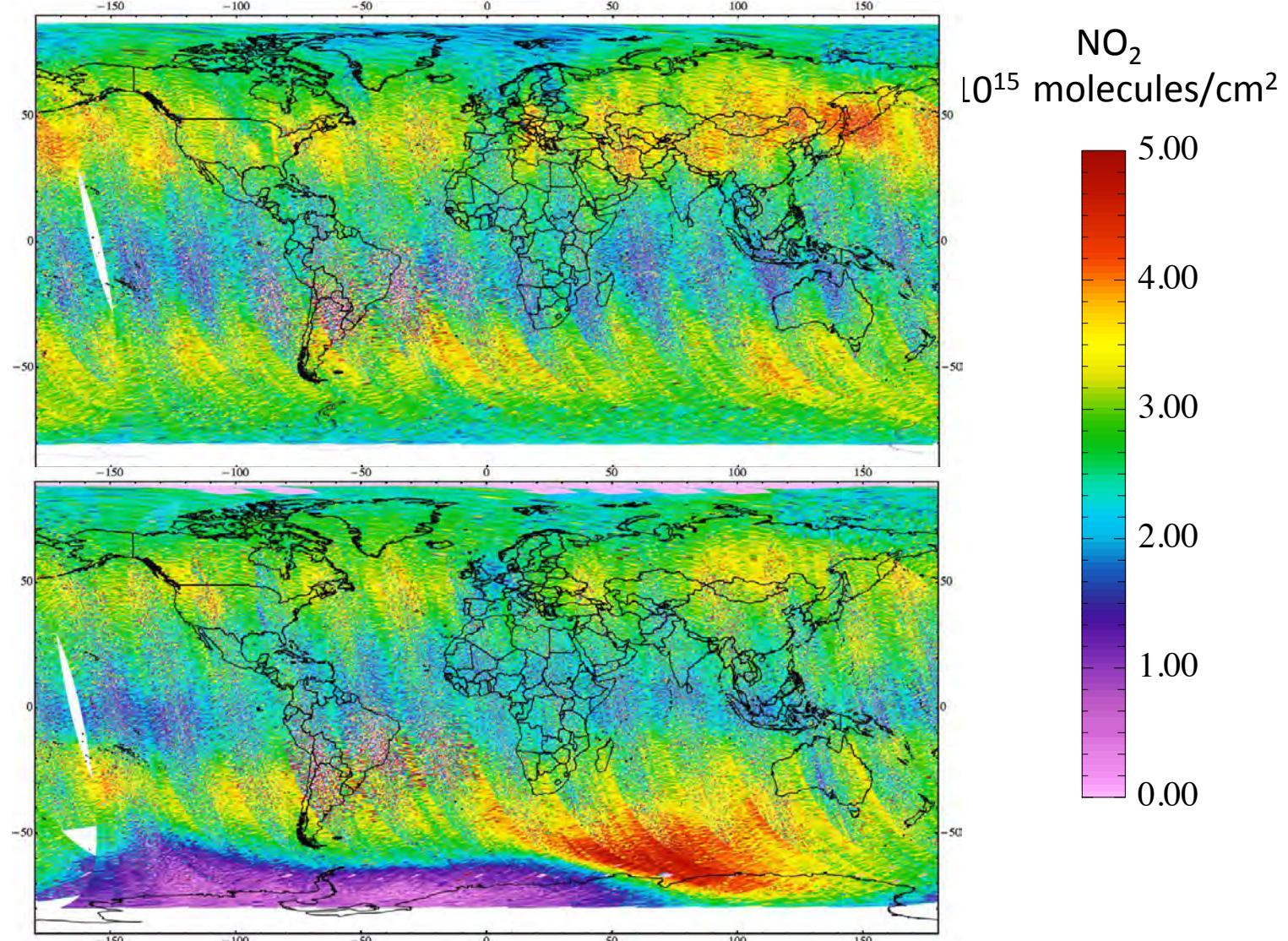
03/21/2013





# OMPS: NO<sub>2</sub> Strat Vertical Columns

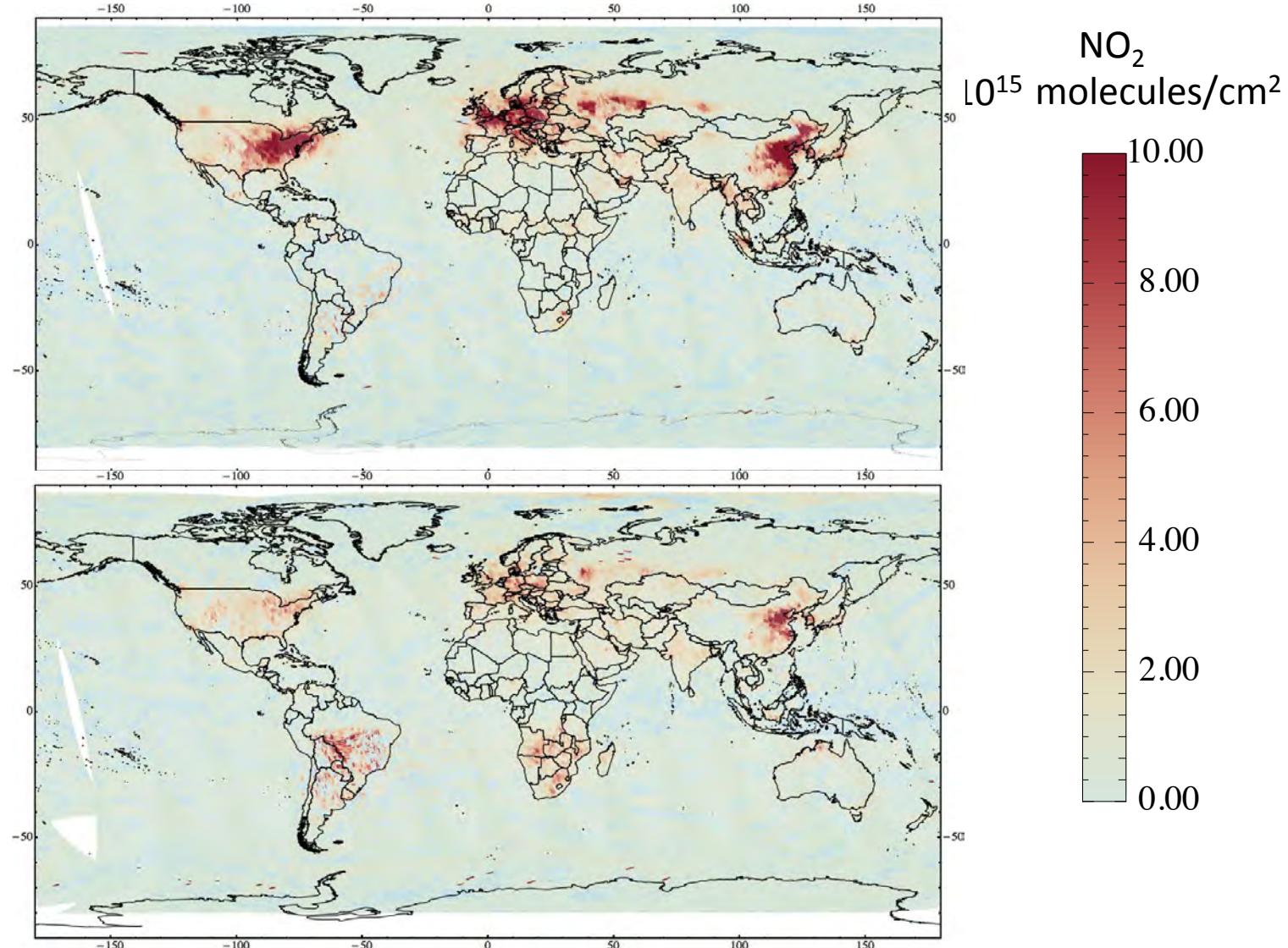
03/21/2013





# OMPS: NO<sub>2</sub> Trop Vertical Columns

03/21/2013

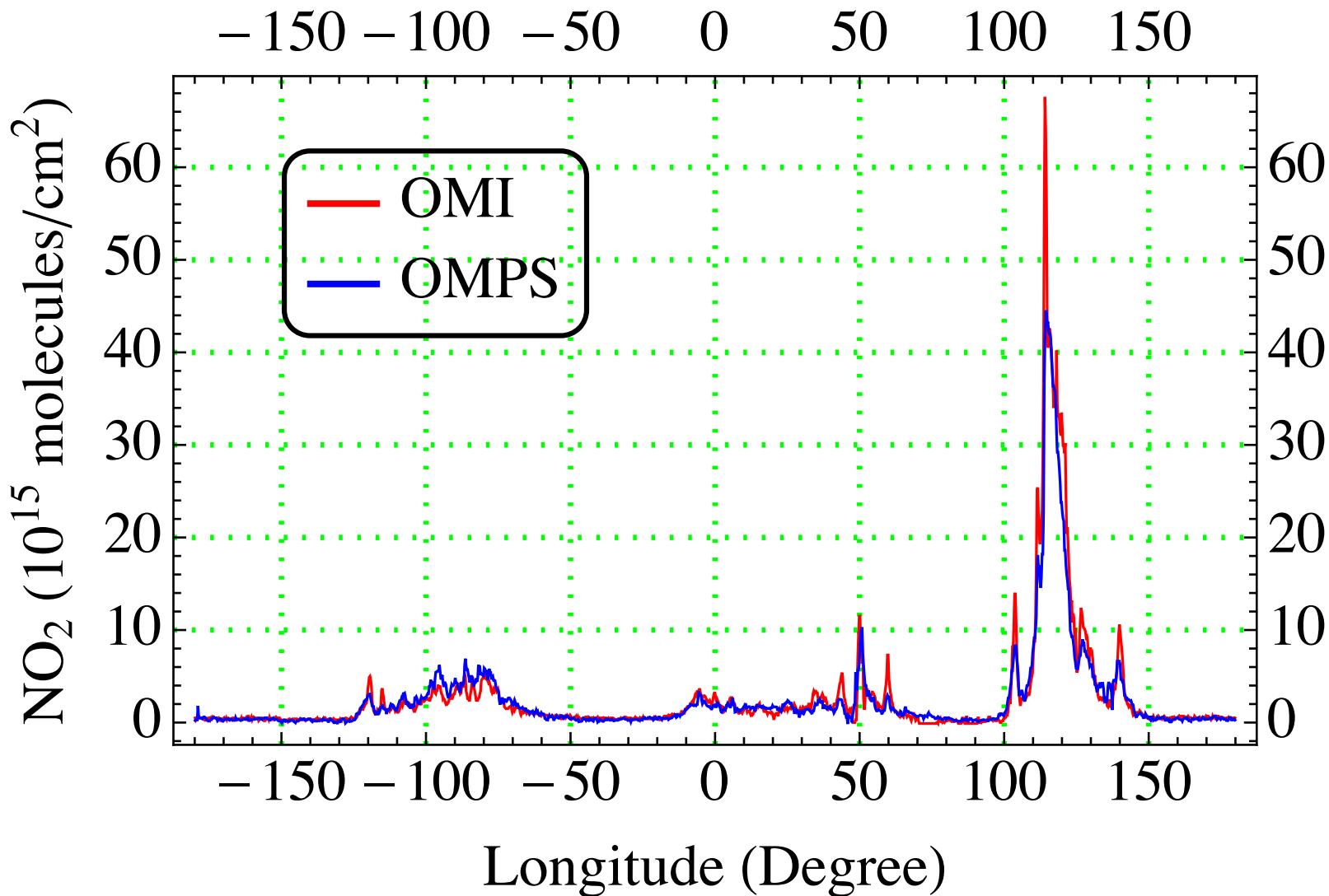


09/22/2013



# Comparison: OMI vs OMPS

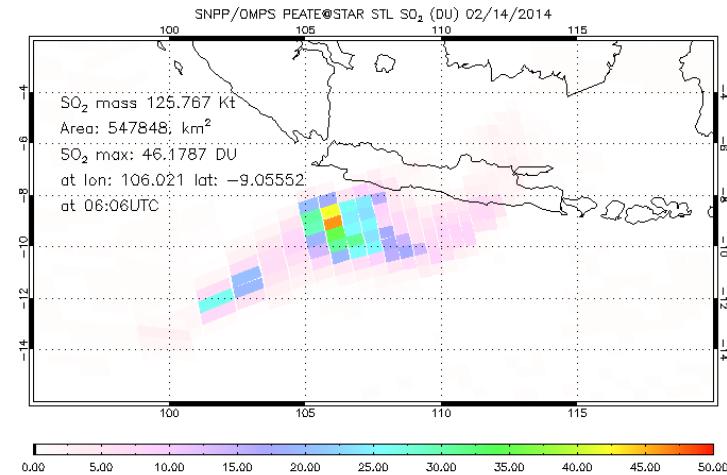
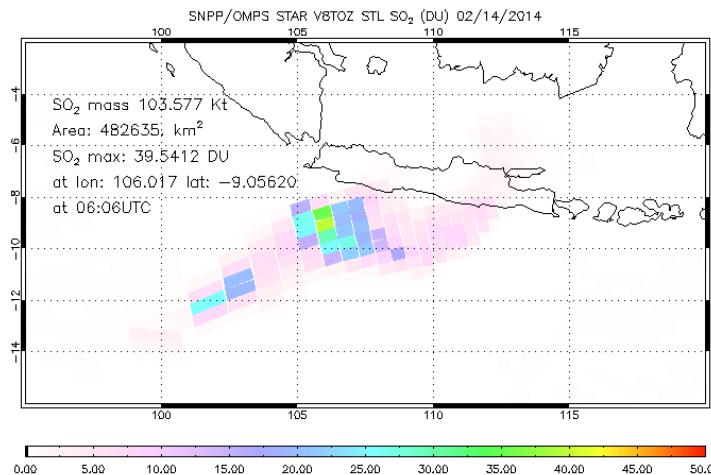
## Monthly Mean: December 2013





# Near-Real-Time SO<sub>2</sub> Product

- NRT SO<sub>2</sub>/Ash are processed with the reliable Linear Fit (LF) algorithm. Data available at Ozone SIPS and LANCE.
- LF algorithm successfully transferred to NOAA.



Eruption of Kelud 2014/02/14. Figures from J. Niu (NOAA STAR)



# Summary

- Advanced algorithm with more complete algorithm physics treatment and many improvements, including state-of-the-art radiative transfer modeling, accurate treatment of instrumental effect, and advanced soft calibration, have been developed and implemented for OMPS processing.
- These advances have enabled sensitive and unbiased measurements of tropospheric SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> from SNPP/OMPS-NM, achieving data quality that matches or exceeds those of its predecessors.

## Acknowledgement

This work is supported by NASA.

